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Two reports on Soviet naval activity and port installations at Novorossiysk

The following vessels were identified [redacted] cruisers and vessels [redacted]

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[redacted] the bay at NOVOROSSISK, [redacted]

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[redacted] a Naval guardhouse at the entrance on the right, as well as a

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signal station.

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[redacted] the Soviet cruiser, "Sevastopol", [redacted]
was anchored outside the port and a destroyer [redacted]
[redacted] sailed out of port towards an unknown destination.

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Gunboat [redacted] sailed into port in the morning and left in the
afternoon [redacted] Cruiser [redacted] and destroyer [redacted] remained anchored
outside the port.

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Cruiser [redacted] and destroyer [redacted] left in the afternoon [redacted]

while a coastguard ship [redacted] patrolled the bay.

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In the morning [redacted] the gunboat left the port
tugging a target. The gunboat returned in the afternoon. Cruiser [redacted] and
destroyer [redacted] returned shortly afterwards. They had evidently gone out for
target practice.

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Destroyer [redacted] and another one, and a gunboat left on the morning

A coastguard ship [redacted] tugging a target left

port shortly afterwards.

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At noon, one of the destroyers returned and anchored at the
entrance of the bay, in front of the guardhouse. Destroyer [redacted] also released
2 motorboats in the morning. The sailors in the motorboats got out at the Naval
guardhouse at the entrance to the bay. They had evidently fired because shots
and automatic firing were heard. The two motorboats returned to the ship in
the afternoon.

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An anti-submarine ship left port in the afternoon. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Destroyer [redacted] remained anchored outside the port and
destroyer [redacted] was anchored at the bay.

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Signal practice took place in the afternoon between destroyers
[redacted] with the Naval Base which is established within the port, and left of
the harbor.

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Destroyer [redacted] remained anchored outside the port [redacted]
On the right and inside the port, there was another anchored destroyer.

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[redacted]
Anti-submarines (ships) [redacted] were at the Naval Base which
is situated to the left and inside the harbour. The anti-submarine ships were at
the pier. There were also 7 coastguard ships, 3 auxiliaries and one tug. There
is a tank and small shipyard in the Naval Base area.

Destroyer [redacted] remained anchored outside the port [redacted]
[redacted] Destroyer [redacted] remained anchored inside and at
the right of the harbor. Another destroyer [redacted] arrived near the pier
of the Naval Base.

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Anti-submarine ship [redacted] which had left [redacted] returned
and tied up at the Naval Base pier near the other ships.

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[redacted], destroyers [redacted] remained outside
the port while destroyer [redacted] were inside the port.

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In the morning [redacted] destroyer [redacted] left and anchored
at the bay. It left at noon for an unknown destination. The remaining

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warships stayed in same positions they held previously.

Destroyers [] remained anchored outside the port []

[] and [] destroyer inside the port. Patrol boat []

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arrived at port during the night and anchored.

Destroyer [] arrived in the morning and anchored in port.

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[] This type of a destroyer has 2 smokestacks, 2 radars, a turret with twin guns and the prow, and 2 turrets with twin guns at the stern

Destroyer [] left the bay for the open sea in the morning.

Destroyer [] sailed away in the afternoon []

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and returned to port and tied up near the Naval Base.

Destroyer [] has two guns at the prow, one at the stern, and a smokestack. It is smaller [] and carries 2 radars.

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[]
A Soviet warship arrived in the evening [] It anchored near destroyer [] It had no guns, it was white, had two masts, was of the corvette type, had an ordinary type radar, and one smokestack. The ship had a Soviet war flag and the crew wore war navy uniforms and they were in order for anchoring. []

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[] No great activity was observed on deck and it probably did not have a trained crew.

[] all the warships, cruiser [] destroyers [] and [] and the patrol ship [] left for an unknown destination.

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The white warship [redacted] had shifted

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by the Naval Base and had a white, red cross flag. It was probably a hospital ship.

The cruiser and destroyer [redacted] had two radars,

one smaller than the other. They were on an iron, netted column, [redacted]

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The anti-submarine ships had one radar [redacted]

The coastguard and auxiliary ships carried no radar.

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The pier is about 150 meters in length.

The depth of the sea from the head of the pier and at most quays is about 23 feet. On the left and right of the pier, the depth is 16 feet.

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There are two cranes on iron tracks at the Northeastern shore, in front of the Port Authorities building. The iron tracks are about 300-400 meters long. The cranes have a hoisting power of 10 tons

Four revolving floating cranes having a lifting power of ten tons have been installed on 4 cement ships which appear to be of German make.

There is a floating tank at the Northeastern part of the shore near the red light at the entrance of the port. It is for ships up to 5000 tons.

There are cement factories and shipyards located to the right and beyond the Port Authorities. This is a prohibited area.

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There were 4 iron barges having a capacity of 60-70 tons each. They were being tugged. There were 4 tugboats and a lifeboat bearing the name, "MOSKHA".

There were two Soviet oil carriers

in port.

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there were Soviet warships anchored 2-3 miles from the port. There was a dark grey warship

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It had 4 turrets at the stem and 2 at the stern; there were two open-sea destroyers slightly lighter grey in color, and 2 ships of the auxilliary navy.

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A great activity of crewmen of the Soviet Navy was observed in the city. The port is used as a Naval Base. Unloading of mines and ammunition in boxes, took place at night at the northern section of the shore. When the unloading was taking place, all the lights of the western section were out.

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No military activity was observed.

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A Soviet passenger ship docked at the pier in front of the Port Authorities daily. It was not confirmed to what ports it goes to. The name of the passenger ship was the "LENINGRAD".

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[redacted] spotlights from land which flashed towards the
sea. These are observation posts. [redacted] small patrol boats which
also had spotlights.

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